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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

A VOTE OF CENSURE.

LONDON, March 24th.

Mr. A. J. Balfour gave notice of a motion that the action of the Government in condoning so long offences, and failing to enforce the law as calculated to revive terrorism in Ireland, and bringing the law into contempt.

RUSSIA AND THE SILVER QUESTION.
The Russian Government has suspended the coinage of silver roubles on private account.

PAYMENT OF MEMBERS.

LONDON, March 24th.

The motion in favour of payment of members of the House of Commons was carried by a majority of 171 yeas. Sir Wm. Harcourt warmly concurred and promised that the Government would introduce the Bill at the earliest possible date.

THE COTTON STRIKE.

The cotton dispute in Lancashire has been settled.

THE SPANISH MINISTRY.

MADRID, March 21st.

At the conclusion of to-day's sitting of the Cabinet, Sr. Cervera resigned his post of Minister of Marine. Sr. Sanchez will probably be appointed in his place.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE French gunboat *Lutin* arrived at Bangkok on the 14th inst.

DONALD DINKIE, the famous Scottish athlete, has won 8,862 prizes during his lengthy career.

H.M.S. *Firebrand* arrived at Manila on the 21st inst., and the U.S.S. *Albat* was to leave there on the 25th.

MR. H. M. Becker's visit to Upper Slam, the Bangkok Times says, is "on professional business."

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mail, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on the 23rd inst.

A MODERATE shock of earthquake, followed by another of longer duration, was experienced at Yokohama on the morning of the 17th inst.

YOUNG "DICKIE" FREELY, of Harrold's Circus, now playing to big houses in Hulla, had a bad fall a fortnight ago and broke his left arm, but is recovering satisfactorily.

"Oh, dear me," laughed Cholle the other night when asked if he could dance. "I have all the accomplishments of my kind."

"I'd like to see some of your knitting," said Cynclus.

"IMMURIS MINES," "Sir William des Vaux," the report of the Tanchow mines, the *critique* of "My Sweetheart," full report of Foochow races, and other matters are unavoidably held over to-day.

SATURDAY'S *Gazette* notifies that the designation of the post Hilbert known as that of first clerk and accountant in the police department, will in future be that of paymaster. It is silent as regards the uniform.

MR. SHORTLIGHT.—Why are you looking so very gloomy, Mrs. Shortlight? Mrs. Shortlight: I was just reading a story. "Dying at home made easy," and I was thinking how nice it would be if it were only living.

AN Emergency Convocation of St. Andrew's Church, No. 218, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Friday, the 31st inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting companions are cordially invited.

THE steamship *Aviation* *Apar*, which arrived here yesterday, reports the death, at sea, of Mr. A. Findlay, late and engineer of the *Calderas* *Apar* on the 15th inst., one day after leaving Hongkong. The body was taken on to Singapore for burial.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Royal mail steamer *Empress of China*, from Vancouver, arrived at Shanghai at 6 p.m. on Saturday, and left again at 4.30 p.m. yesterday for this port, and may be expected to arrive at 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

Editor of the *Daily Post*.—What's new to-day, Mr. Chippie?
A murder, a divorce, an explosion and two accidents.
Editor.—Dear, dear! So much? We'll wait until to-morrow and dish up what the *Telegraph* says.

ALL who have been annoyed by the rush of chaff and ricksha coolies at the Theatre and the wharf will feel some degree of unkind satisfaction at knowing that some two dozen of these nuisances were brought before the Magistrate to-day by Sergeant Williamson and P. C. Christie and fined a dollar each.

A COOLIE employed as shoeblack in the barracks was caught pilfering stores last week, and was brought up to-day before Mr. Wodehouse, in the police court, charged with stealing a tin of milk, two pounds of lard, and three pounds of dripping, the property of "E." Company mess, Shing-shing, Regiment, on the 20th inst. The Coolie said he had been given the goods by another servant, but as he could not prove this he was sent to gaol for fourteen days.

THE *Daily Press* has the *Firebrand* at Borneo, whereas she is at Manila; the *Impress*, which has been in Hongkong over a week, "Granny" locates at Manila; the *Porpoise* at Hankow instead of the Hongkong; the *Radda* (now at Swatow) nowhere in particular; the *Swift* at Hongkong instead of Manila; the *Dis* at Macao instead of Saigon or Bangkok; and about a dozen other men-of-war in the wrong places.

THE Newchwang correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writes under date March 24th: "No business yet to speak of, but produce keeps high, and so does silver as compared to the *tao* note, the currency of the port, which it must not be forgotten is copper cash, not sterling—still it shows that silver has as good a purchasing power as when three taels were calculated to be the value of a sovereign, and when the owner of *Tia*, 30,000 was a 10,000 man, whereas now he would require over *Tia*, 50,000 for the same amount of sterling."

FROM the *Shanghai Mercury*.—"Talking of travellers' tales," a Chinese Manchurian writing in the *Sin Wen-pao*, a newly published Shanghai Chinese daily, of his stay in Formosa and a description of the places he visited in the island, states that while travelling from Hual to Anping, a journey of twelve hours, in the steamer *Smith*, recently, the vessel was stopped for half an hour in mid-passage by a huge fish that got entangled in it, and was, with the propeller, and the writer solemnly avers that he saw the fish of the levitation rise up to the height of thirty feet, the monster itself remaining invisible all the while!"

SCIENCE, says the *American Analyst*, explains the phenomenon of red hair thus: "It is caused by a superabundance of iron in the blood. This is that imparts the vigor, the elasticity, the great vitality, the overflowing, thoroughly healthy animal life which runs riot through the veins of the ruddy-haired, and this strong sentient animal life is what renders them more intense in all their emotions than their more languid fellow-creatures. The excess of iron is also the cause of freckles on the peculiarly clear, white skin, which always accompanies red hair. This skin is abnormally sensitive to the action of the sun's rays, which not only bring out the little brown spots in abundance, but also burn like a scalding plaster, producing a queer, creepy sensation, as if the skin was writhing up."

THE summer race meeting of the Manila Jockey Club will take place on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of April next.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended March 26th, are—Europeans, 143; Chinese, 1,517; total 1,760.

A "SHUNDERBOLT" fell at Sayo Gori, Japan, on the 15th inst., and set fire to the surrounding bushes. No other extraordinary features are recorded.

OLD Sock.—Was given to Dutchy?
Berlin Bleet.—Ach mein Gott! My club has made deer-glasses schmaller und raised do price of wiskey!

THE total customs revenue of Manila, for January, 1893, was \$313,237.69, being nearly \$70,000 more than the corresponding period of last year.

ARTIFICIAL teeth were made of ivory, placed on plates of the same material and held together and in place by gold wires and rivets, 1,000 years B.C.

POOR old Granny! It takes an awful lot of heavy gun-firing to wake her. She believes (according to to-day's *Daily Press*) that the *Impress* is still at Manila.

Jink.—What do you want, old chappie?
Wine.—The death certificate of the fellow who told my wife I'd given a pair of bracelets to Guinevere Giddy of No. 359.

It has been demonstrated by means of photography that certain well-defined types of facial expression are not only associated with but are dependent upon certain relative tensions of the oculomotor muscles.

THE *Kobe Chronicle* has a heavy responsibility on its shoulders. It killed *Alves* (vide a report of his death published in its issue of the 20th inst.) and has "consecrated unto the State" the whole of his property and effects.

If you put a halfpenny in your money-box, and add thereto by doubling the amount every week after the first for fifty-two weeks, at the end of the year the money-box (if large enough) will contain £381,499,235 688. 12s. 7½d.

At the Magistrate to-day, before Capt. Hastings, R.N., assistant magistrate, two Chinese were convicted of boiling opium on a large scale without a license, on the 26th inst., and fined \$75 or three months each. Why not get some \$75 fines out of the unlicensed drink trade?

Guest.—Now I'll take some ice cream to top off with three flavors.
Waiter.—Your bill is 75 cents already, sir.
Guest.—What of that?
Waiter.—Why, you see, sir, mixed ice cream is 20 cents, and you'll probably give me a dollar to pay the bill and that'll leave only 5 cents for me.

A terribly destructive fire is reported to have occurred in Kwang-yue-chu, Szechwan, on the morning of the 18th inst., in which some 2,000 houses were burnt before the flames were got under. The port and telegraph offices were among the buildings destroyed. No mention is made of the probable or actual loss of life.

THE QUEEN AND THE MISSIONARY.
The cannibal Queens of the Sandwich Islands Received their visitors with a smile, Which disappeared only when the latter Disappeared also from the platter! And this is probably what is meant By a "provisional" government!

OUR Japanese exchanges report the gallant rescue, from almost certain death, of a shipwrecked crew of native sailors, by Capt. Byrns of the schooner *Carlotia G. Carr*, while on the 13th inst. When 500 miles off Mela Head a dismasted and water-logged junk was sighted, and despite the fact that a heavy gale was blowing three of the schooner's boats were lowered and the castaways, 12 in number, were rescued.

MESSES. WARNER BLODGETT & Co.'s bi-weekly circular, dated Manila, 22nd March, thus records the *Panhu* casualty:—The British bark *Panhu*, 725 tons register, while changing ports on 22nd ultimo, ran on an uncharted reef near Pili, on the East coast of Luzon, and will prove a total loss. The vessel was about three fifths loaded at the time of the casualty, and her cargo of timber was fully insured in the China offices, which companies are also interested to the extent of \$10,000 on the hull risk.

MARCUS AURELIUS had a good deal of stay-at-home philosophy. *Vide*—Men seek retreats for themselves—houses in the country, seashores and mountains; and then, too, are wont to desire such things very much. But this is also rather a mark of the commonest of men; for it is in their power whenever they shall choose to retire into itself. For nowhere either with more quiet or more freedom does a man retire than into his own soul particularly when he has within him such thoughts that by looking into them he is immediately in perfect tranquillity—which is nothing else than the good ordering of the mind.

A FIRE broke out last night, a few minutes after eight o'clock, at 301 Queen's Road West, near the Sailor's Home, in a house newly occupied within the last day or two, and not insured. A xerox lamp fell, causing an instantaneous fire, and through the generosity of the Water Authority there was no water handy to put it out, although for a week or two there has been rain, enough to fill two Talmans. The fire broke out promptly under Mr. Wodehouse and Mr. Matheson, assisted by the detachment from West Point under Inspector Mann, first on the spot. By the time the fire was subdued, both No. 301 and No. 303 were practically demolished. An enquiry was held to-day, but nothing suspicious was revealed.

THE sun of enterprise and progress has evidently risen over the "Land of the Morning Calm," a steamship company has just been formed at Seoul for the purpose of running in opposition to the Japan Mail Steamship Company which has hitherto enjoyed an almost complete monopoly of the coast carrying trade in the Japanese-Corinan waters. The new concern is to be known as the *Rim-sha* and is, it is reported, to receive a subsidy of 100,000 *yen* per annum from the Korean Government. The *Asahi* says that this line will have the support of Mr. Yano, the Chinese Representative in Seoul, but at the same time wonders where the Government is going to find the wherewithal to subsidize any enterprise to the extent of the amount quoted.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan*, from Hongkong, arrived at Nagasaki at 7 a.m. to-day, and left again at 4 p.m. for Vancouver, via Kobe and Yokohama.

Doctor C.—Well! What's the trouble now?
Editor of *Telegraph*.—I wrote an editorial for last night's paper and—
Doctor.—Great Caesar Send for an ambulance at once.

THE township of Catubig, Samar, (Philippines) was visited by a fire on the 20th inst., which destroyed the court-house, gaol, convent, school, and most of the business places and dwellings. The total loss, however, is only estimated at \$60,000.

A NAGASAKI contemporary reports that Go-gaku, one of the most celebrated Buddhist priests in Japan, died on the 3rd inst. in the Ganshoji temple at Bungo. The deceased was a poet and writer of the highest eminence, but since the Restoration has been living in retirement. A worthy successor is sought. *Taka*, "Brownie," should be your chance.

At the City Hall theatre on Saturday night there was an immense concourse attracted by the London Lyric Company's performance of "My Sweetheart." The *Telegraph* makes the following comment on the matter:—"Granny" and others who have made this place a spectacle, it may be safely said that the performance was the most enjoyable we have seen for a long time. Full critique to-morrow.

We have grown weary of reporting the wrecking and foundering of Japanese steamers of late years, but they still come along with their irritating regularity. The latest is that of the *Koyei Maru*, belonging to the Hokkaido Steamship Company, which was lost on the island of Yakajiri on the 16th inst. The wreck was attended with a terrible loss of life for out of the 81 souls on board only two were saved. The *Koyei Maru* was a small steamer, schooner rigged, and was built in '87.

"GRANNY" has had the jumps again. In this morning's *Daily Press* there is a column outside of a lunatic asylum. "Granny" was out on the tiles on Saturday night, got hopelessly paralytic with cold tea and milk-and-water, was carried in a chair up the hill, and finally got lost on Bowen Road, even forgetting her own name and address. While lying among the trees, she heard the distant thunders of applause from the City Hall (Serpentine dance, probably) and began to hear and see tigers, snakes, thunder and lightning, stars, and all the horrors of a swelled head and a month like a municipal incinerator. Poor Granny!

It is necessary be the mother of invention then posterity has often good cause to damn necessity. No benefit-don'ting invention or institution has ever been vouchsafed to honest humanity without being made the medium of corresponding chances for the dishonest portion thereof. People have hitherto deemed it safe to deposit correspondence in the street letter-boxes. Light will stream in on them when they learn that the thieving fraternity of Yokohama has lit upon an ingenious method, sublimely Asiatic in its simplicity, by means of which letters etc. can be readily abstracted from the pillars. A piece of cord saturated with a glutinous matter is inserted and this quickly adhering, the contents of the box can be quickly and quietly annexed.

ONLY A WORD.

Only a word
That doted the rose-bloom from a face,
That robbed a heart of its loving grace,
That raised a doubt, that bred a wrong,
That scorched a name, that stilled a song;
That filled a day with brooding fears,
Till skies of night rained bitter tears.
Only a word.

That sent a love flame to a heart,
That won a smile, that caused a smart;
That warmed ambition into life,
That hushed a sob, that calmed a strife,
That lit a torch of hope, whose ray
Led one dark soul to turn and pray.
Only a word.

—Ida Worden Wheeler, in *The Review*.

ON Saturday, March 25th, at a meeting of the United Mark Lodge, No. 419, Bro. W. C. H. Hastings was installed W. Master by Bro. L. Mallorie, and afterwards appointed his officers as follows:—

S. W.	Bro. W. M. B. Arthur.	W. L. Ford.
J. W.	T. Spafford.	J. G. Gable.
Treasurer ..	J. G. Gable.	G. J. W. King.
Secretary ..	J. G. Gable.	J. G. Gable.
Registrar of ..	F. Howell.	F. Howell.
M. O.	F. Howell.	F. Howell.
J. O.	F. Howell.	F. Howell.
J. D.	F. Howell.	F. Howell.
J. D.	F. Howell.	F. Howell.
Director of Cer ..	S. W. Edmonds.	S. W. Edmonds.
Steward ..	J. C. Oddy.	J. C. Oddy.
J. G.	W. Solv.	W. Solv.
Tyler ..	J. Maxwell.	J. Maxwell.

After the ceremony, a P.M. Jewel was presented to Bro. W. B. Baker, one of the founders of the Lodge, by Bro. Master W. C. H. Hastings.

HONGKONG SAVED.

ON Thursday morning last (according to the General commanding Her Majesty's forces) hostile cruisers were reported coming to bombard Hongkong from both East and West approaches. The Lyceum-moon batteries at once opened fire with 6 inch breech-loading guns, and scared the foe a little. The ships, however, were in full fighting order by afternoon, returned the fire of the batteries, and attacked the submarine mine works, attempting meanwhile to land troops in Lyceum-moon and Sai Wan Bays. The Shing-shing (H. Company) marched off to repel the invaders, while a strong force was posted in Deep Water Bay to anticipate a movement in that direction. Troops were also concentrated along the south shore, from Aberdeen to Waterfall Bay, and the western forts were fully manned ready for attack. The Kowloon defences were also reinforced, and a company of infantry sent round to Pokfulam by sea. At night the last of the enemy's ships tried to rush the Lyceum-moon Bays, but were beaten back with the aid of the electric lights. They then tried to land as before, but with equal want of success. This, however, was only a feint, and enabled two of the vessels to get through the pass, only to sink under the concentrated fire of the harbour forts. The rest of the fleet then gave up the Eastern entrance, and on Thursday morning made a combined attack on the south shore and West channel. This move partly succeeded, and the enemy's body landing near T'yan, to threaten the falling water-supply of the Colony. The Hongkong R. ment, aided by the famous Tiger, made things lively for the visitors, and by the time extra masses of defenders arrived, the

foe was qualifying for a first-class holocaust. Troops were also sent on a most enjoyable picnic up the Bowen Road and Wanchai Gap, with strict orders not to annihilate the grass. At West Point things were becoming rather warm by this time, and all available troops had to do some fine pedestrian exercise from the other end of the island, ready for the great reception, with dance to follow, by electric light. Of course, it was raining most of the time, but that was nothing—the British soldier is fond of water. That is why the Chinese call him *water-horse*. By the way, the rain went on all night, without getting much ahead, and on Saturday the enemy made preparations to land troops all along the western shore under cover of their guns. A small hostile force was also reported as having landed in China, near Mira Bay, bound for the Kowloon forts. The situation was becoming desperate; the Volunteers were called out, and sent over the hills towards Aberdeen, taking with them a copy of the new Volunteer Ordinances and photographs of the 200 new recruits. That settled the enemy, and away they went. Victory was ours, and the number of "drunks" in the Police Court this morning broke the record.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

Two large banks failed towards the close of last year at Weichow and one at the commencement of the New Year. Liabilities something like *Tia*, 120,000.

Two important criminals, both incarcerated on grave charges, succeeded in escaping from the Hukauwan Prison in Foochow not long ago. The magistrate offered a reward of \$800 for their arrest, while \$200 is promised to those who will give information leading to their capture.

Those who were privileged to see the Hangchow bore on the night of the 25th of February, witnessed a magnificent sight. The tidal flood attained an unusual height. Unfortunately several boats were capsized through the force of the tide and over a dozen persons lost their lives.

The stronghold on the opposite bank of the Hukow fortifications has for a long time been falling into ruin, and at present the fortress is in a deplorable condition. This fact having been brought to the notice of the high provincial authorities, officers have been sent to supervise the repairs.

Rumor has it that on the 15th instant the military governor of Hui sent a most urgent secret memorial to Peking. It is said that it was on account of some outbreak, but the exact import is not known. Whether it relates to China's relations with Russia, or a disturbance of local origin, is not known.

The work of connecting Nanking by telegraph with Li-chow-fu and Ho-fu—the native district of the Li family—which was stopped last winter owing to the severe cold, has been resumed with the new year and it is expected will be finished in about three weeks from hence. A new line of Li Hing-hang will be the Telegraph Manager at Li-chow-fu.

A wealthy merchant in Canton has by the aid of an influential member of the gentry obtained permission from the Formosa Governor to conduct the gold washing business in Kelung, which has till now been carried on under the auspices of the Government. The Governor has given sanction to the merchant to try for some months to see what result may be obtained.

On the 27th ultimo His Majesty the Emperor entertained at the Tse Kiang Ko, a large company of tributary Princes and nobles. The chief feature of the entertainment was a banquet, while some theatrical performances were also included in the programme. Among those present were the two Legates from Corea. On the 5th of this month another banquet was given, to which the members of the Grand Council and the Presidents of the various Boards were invited.

Notwithstanding the severity of the weather last winter and the quantity of snow that fell in the country bordering the Great River, the new comes from both Chinkiang and Yangchow that contrary to the expectation that the severe winter would be the death of the locust spaw, in the ground, it appears from reports coming from the country villages of the above-named prefectures that the locust spaw has been dog up with considerable life in them and it is feared that more than two-thirds of the pest have managed to cultivate the snow and the cold.

In a memorial to the Throne some time ago, the Governor of the New Dominion asked the Government to supply him with a number of trained officers from the Shing-ke-yang and the Viceroy's troops, to teach the force there the use of modern weapons and drilling. These officers are now selected, and the lot from the Shing-ke-yang are soon to start for the frontier province. Fifty men have also been selected from the vice-regal troops to go there who are to take with them 400 field guns and 2,000 rifles. As soon as the supply of arms is ready, the expedition will start.

The people of Wenchow were jubilant when upon the arrival of the steamer *Hochang* in that port from Shanghai it was found that the 'bad brot' and little cargo ship the Commissioner of Customs had magnanimously allowed the whole lot to be landed without paying any duty. This also included the stuff carried in the mail bags of the postal agencies, who are compelled to carry their bags on arrival to the Custom house to be examined so as to enable duty to be levied whenever dutiable stuff was carried in them. In consequence of this instance of generosity and magnanimity some of the merchants of Wenchow it is expected, will present their Commissioner of Customs with an address and salutatory scrolls.

Outside the w. gate of Peking is the Wanshou Si, or "Temple of Ten thousand Ages"—the usual appellation given to an Imperial birthday. It is the temple where the Emperors and Empresses of the Manchou dynasty were wont to sacrifice on the anniversaries of their birthdays when they had passed the age of sixty. About ten years or so ago a great part of the building was destroyed by fire and it has since been restored; but with the approaching sixtieth anniversary of the Dowager Empress next year, the temple must according to precedent be made ready for the usual ceremony, hence the Board of Revenue in obedience to a decree of the Dowager Empress have laid aside the sum of \$400,000 to be used in rebuilding, and embellishing the tumble-down premises.

For a long time the various high authorities have been very anxious to arrest a *Kelut* *Hag* leader named Li Leowoo. His capture was first ordered by the "Hukauwan Viceroy," who instructed the officials along the Yangtze to be on the alert for him. But no clue was discovered as to his whereabouts although a year had elapsed since the order was circulated. One

day in the middle of the Chinese January the individual was seen at Nanking in a house close to the China Merchant's bulk. The detectives and constables were soon at his side and while in the midst of a game of dominoes he was surprised and taken. The captive has been several times examined by the Nanking officials to whom he made confession with regard to his connection with the Society. On the 25th of the last month he was sent to Hukow under an escort of twenty soldiers.

FOOCHOW NOTES.

March 18th.

Influenza of a mild character is said to be attacking the natives in the country.

Some twenty-five rice shops have had to close their doors owing to want of capital and the present unaccommodating frame of mind the banks are in just now. As a rule, rice is sold by the importers on credit, but these terms have been suspended and "cash on delivery" substituted.

We hear that men, women and children are now busily engaged in all the tea districts pruning the tea plants, and that the score formerly reminds spectators of the picking of the first crop. The necessity for this has been caused by the frost withering many of the ends of the younger branches. The growers are said to be very sanguine of a superior crop.

The Chancellor of the Literati, whom we reported in our issue of the 4th ultimo to be suffering from a malignant tumour in the stomach, has so far recovered that he is pronounced to be out of danger. He has been under the treatment we understand, of two native doctors who studied medicine and surgery under Dr. Whitney at the Peking hospital. It will be a great thing for them if they effect a perfect cure of this case.

Two gaol birds have lately made good their escape and the magistrate who was responsible for them is in a great state of mind about it, since the notices posted all over the country by him, offering a reward of \$400 for each if they are caught, have failed to bring either of them back. The prisoners were both strangers to the place, one coming from Kiangsu and the other from Chinchow. It is said that if these men cannot be got back to prison, the magistrate will be degraded.

